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TOPIC Military Information from the Berlin Area

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1. Troop trains observed on 16 July 1953 included: at 8:15 a.m., a train of 12 boxcars with soldiers and an undetermined number of flatcars with 20 T-34 tanks [redacted] standing without a locomotive at the Hoppegarten railroad station; 25X1 and at 8:30 a.m., a train of about 30 flatcars with tanks, SP guns and armored scout cars, headed toward Berlin, at the Kaulsdorf railroad station. A tent camp, including about 100 trucks, was seen in the woods east of the Biesdorf railroad station, along the railroad line toward Strausberg.¹
2. Between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on 16 July, about 100 trucks [redacted] 25X1 40 to 50 light artillery pieces, and 10 field kitchens were unloaded at the Schoeneweide railroad station. The troops marched toward Karlshorst.¹
3. At 6:30 a.m. on 16 July, 16 x 76.2-mm AT guns and trucks were unloaded at the Ostkreuz railroad station. On the afternoon of 16 July, 10 trucks coming from the direction of Blankenfelde entered the Pieck residence at Schloss Park Niederschoenhausen where 10 additional canvas-covered trucks with pasted over vehicle numbers were seen. At 11 p.m., the same trucks were observed leaving the installation. 25X1
4. Troop trains passing through Birkenwerder toward Oranienburg between 12 and 17 July included: at 7:40 a.m. on 12 July, a train with 12 heavy tanks [redacted] 25X1 at 7:45 a.m. on 13 July, a train with 22 T-43 tanks, [redacted] and at 7:45 a.m. on 17 July, a train with 20 T-43 tanks [redacted] and 2 armored personnel carriers.²
5. At 3 p.m. on 18 July, 30 to 40 SP guns, 10 armored scout cars, and about 30 trucks, 25X1 [redacted] were seen at the Stadt Park in Biesdorf. Twenty-five boxcars with gasoline containers and billeting equipment were unloaded at the Adlershof railroad station. [redacted] 25X1
6. At 5 p.m. on 18 July, vehicles observed at the Kaulsdorf railroad station included: 20 T-34/85 tanks; 20 JS-3 tanks; 12 half-track vehicles with a mounted AT gun; 12 rocket launchers; 28 trucks; 2 radio trucks; and 2 repair shop trucks. 25X1 The vehicles, which probably were unloaded at the railroad station, marched toward Alt-Landsberg or Marzahn at 9:45 p.m. [redacted]

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[redacted] the unloading probably of components of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in the Kaulsdorf - Biesdorf area on 16, 17 and 18 July 1953; and probably of components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in the Schoeneweide - Adlershof area on 16 and 17 July 1953. [redacted] Unloadings at the Ostkreuz railroad station are reported for the first time.

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[redacted] Comment. The troop trains belonged to the return movement of the 12th Gds Tank Div to Neuruppin which [redacted] also continued on 17 July 1953.

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